

THE HEART ASKS PLEASURE FIRST (THE PROMISE/THE SACRIFICE)

(FROM THE FILM 'THE PIANO')

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The sheet music consists of four staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The top staff begins with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 46 - 56$. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The bass staff features sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measure numbers 1, 3, 6, and 9 are indicated above the staves. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

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II 1. > - - > - - >

 12 > - - >
 13 > - - >
 14 > - - >
 15 > - - >
 16 > - - >
 17 > - - > f marc.
 18 > - - >
 19 > - - >
 20 > - - >
 21 > - - >
 22 > - - >
 23 > - - >

26 > - - > - - > - - >
 { G clef Treble Clef, Bass Clef
 29 > - - > - - >
 { G clef Treble Clef, Bass Clef
 31 > - - > - - >
 { G clef Treble Clef, Bass Clef
 33 > - - > - - >
 { G clef Treble Clef, Bass Clef
 cresc.
 35 > > > >
 { G clef Treble Clef, Bass Clef

37 > > > > > >

più mosso
 39 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
ff molto marc.
 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

(rit.) (a tempo)
 41 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

44 > 5 > > 5 > > 5 > > 5 >

molto allarg.
 46 > 5 > > 5 > > 5 >
 5 5 5 5 5 5